

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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REMARKS

I. General

Claims 2-7 and 9-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2, 6, 9 and 13 are rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 8 are canceled. Claims 5 and 7 now depend from base claim 2, and claims 12 and 14 now depend from base claim 9. New claims 15 and 16 are added and Fig. 8 is added. Claim 15 is supported in the specification at page 18, lines 16-21 and claim 16 is supported in the specification at page 11, lines 5-10. New Fig. 8 is fully supported in the originally-filed specification. In particular, the figure is identical to originally-filed Fig. 4, except Fig. 8 depicts step S110B, in place of step S110. The subject matter of step S110B is supported in the originally-filed specification at page 17, in the first paragraph.

II. Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference characters V1, V2, and V3 (Figure 7) not mentioned in the specification. Applicant herein amends the specification to address the Examiner's concern and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to the drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because of the following informalities: (1) Reference character "C" has been used to designate both "cyan" and "a value representing a color image formation mode." (2) Reference character "M" has been used to designate both "magenta" and "a value representing a monochromatic image formation mode."

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 4 and 5 with the new Figures 4 and 5. Please also add new

Figure 8.

Attachment: 3 Replacement Sheets.

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Applicant herein amends the specification and the drawings to address the Examiner's concern. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to the drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because in claims 4 and 11 the claim language "of the monochromatic image when the colors of toners filled in said multiple toner cartridges are all black" must be shown in the drawings or the features canceled from the claims. Applicant herein provides drawings showing the features in claims 4 and 11. Applicant thus respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to the drawings.

III. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 7 and 14 for informalities. Applicant herein amends the claims to correct the informalities and thus Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to claims 7 and 14.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-4, 6, 9-11, and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that the objected claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten claims 2, 6, 9, and 13 in independent form. Accordingly, independent claims 2, 6, 9, and 13 are allowable, as well as their respective dependent claims 3, 4, 10 and 11.

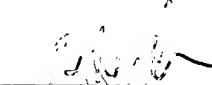
IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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